

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following before the paragraph starting at page 1, line 4:

BACKGROUND

Please insert the following before the paragraph starting at page 3, line 11:

SUMMARY

Please insert the following before the paragraph starting at page 7, line 30:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 7, line 30, with the following:

Moreover, the invention is explained in more detail below on the basis of the exemplary embodiment illustrated in the ~~drawing~~ drawings, in which:

figs. 1a, 1b show cross-sectional illustrations through an air-conditioning device according to the invention in the region next to a bypass passage and in the region of the bypass passage with the first flow passage closed by control flaps;

figs. 2a, 2b show cross-sectional illustrations through an air-conditioning device according to the invention in the region next to a bypass passage and in the region of the bypass passage with the first flow passage partially opened by control flaps; and

figs. 3a, 3b show cross-sectional illustrations through an air-conditioning device according to the invention in the region next to a bypass passage and in the region of the bypass passage with the second flow passage closed by control flaps; and

figs. 4 shows a diagrammatic perspective illustration of a flap element which comprises both a mixing flap and a control flap, as well as the associated bypass passages.

Please insert the following before the paragraph starting at page 8, line 25:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 9, line 7, with the following:

The air delivered by the radial fan first of all flows through the air filter 12 and then the evaporator 13, in which the air is cooled. The distributor space 14 adjoins the evaporator 13 in the downstream direction. In the regions in which a bypass passage 30 extends, a wall 31 of the bypass passage ~~[[20]]~~ 30 closes off the first flow passage 15 apart from a slot 32

through which the mixing flap 33 is guided; it can be guided through in a fluid-tight manner in order to avoid leakage flows. In the regions next to the bypass passage, the first flow passage 15 leads directly into the mixing chamber 18.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 10, line 4, with the following:

One of the air exit passages is what is known as the defrosting passage 21. This leads to the defrosting nozzles (schematically shown as 23 in fig. 1a), which are arranged in the immediate vicinity of a window, in particular the front windshield of a vehicle (schematically shown as 25 in fig. 1a), and is used to quickly heat up the window or remove fog caused by condensing water vapor from the window. In this case, the defrosting passage 21 branches off at a location which has a high proportion of air from the first flow passage and is therefore relatively cool. This impedes the heating and fog-avoidance function but is a structural requirement. Therefore, the bypass passage 30 is provided, which branches off in the second flow passage 16 and opens out in the defrosting passage 21 directly before the corresponding switching flap ~~[[21]]~~ 20. As a result, an increased proportion of warm air is fed to the air stream in the defrosting passage 21. The volumetric flow through the defrosting passage 21 can be varied by means of the position of the mixing flap 33, since the free cross section of flow is dependent on the mixing flap position. The switching flap 20 assigned to the defrosting passage 21 controls the level of the volumetric flow through the defrosting passage 21 but not the proportion of the volumetric flow from the bypass passage 30 therein.